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TRAINING FOR PILOTS OF INDIAN AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give more training to the Pilots in flying the Mig-21 aircraft and also proposes to replace these aircrafts gradually with new modern aircrafts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Presently the pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are being trained on the MiG-21 aircraft in the MiG Operational Flying Training (MOFT) squadrons.
Induction of modern technology aircraft for training in the Indian Air Force is a continuous process by phasing out the old fleet and introducing the new fleet.